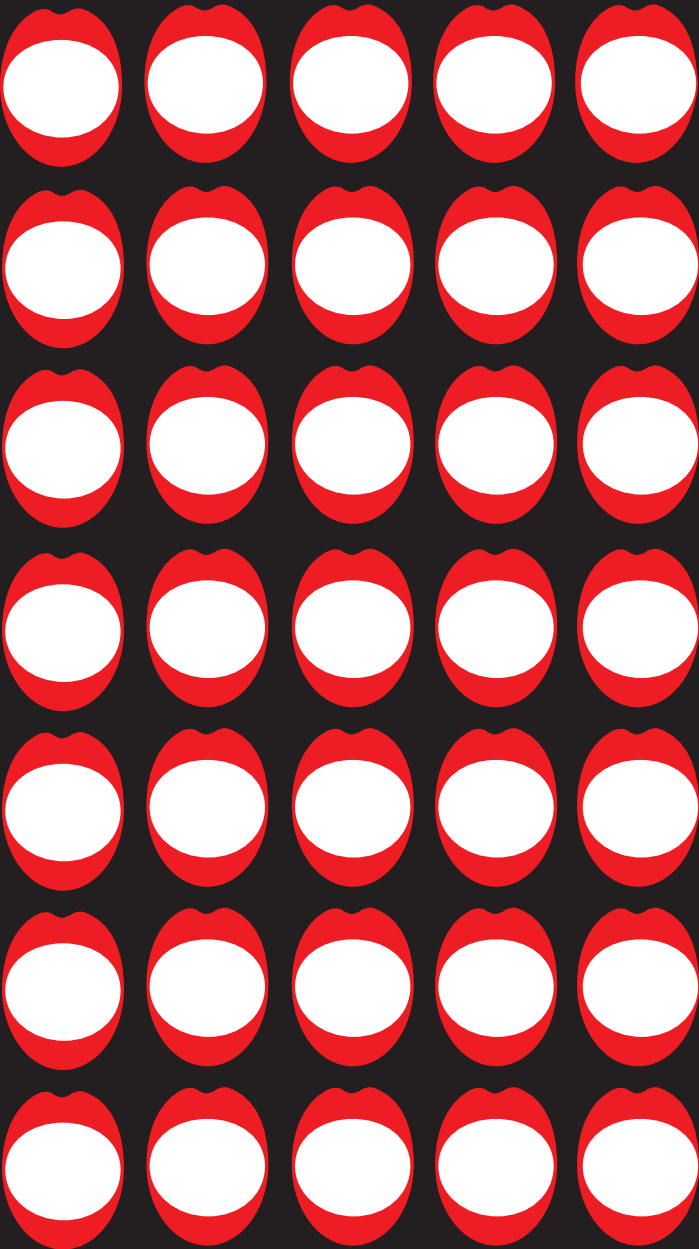


Manchester Sings!

Manchester Choral Festival
11-13 March 2005

Artistic Director Stephen Williams



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Manchester Sings! is the inaugural Manchester Choral Festival

Manchester's young, youth-filled and dynamic choirs are flourishing as never before. Since the earliest days of the Industrial Revolution the city has been famed for its innovation, enterprise and excellence. Manchester's contemporary choral scene displays the same qualities. Music lovers have long known Manchester as a centre of great music-making but not everyone knows about the diversity and creativity of its choral life. Come and hear it for yourself. Join the excitement of Manchester's first choral festival: Manchester Sings!

Stephen Williams - Artistic Director

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Participating Choirs

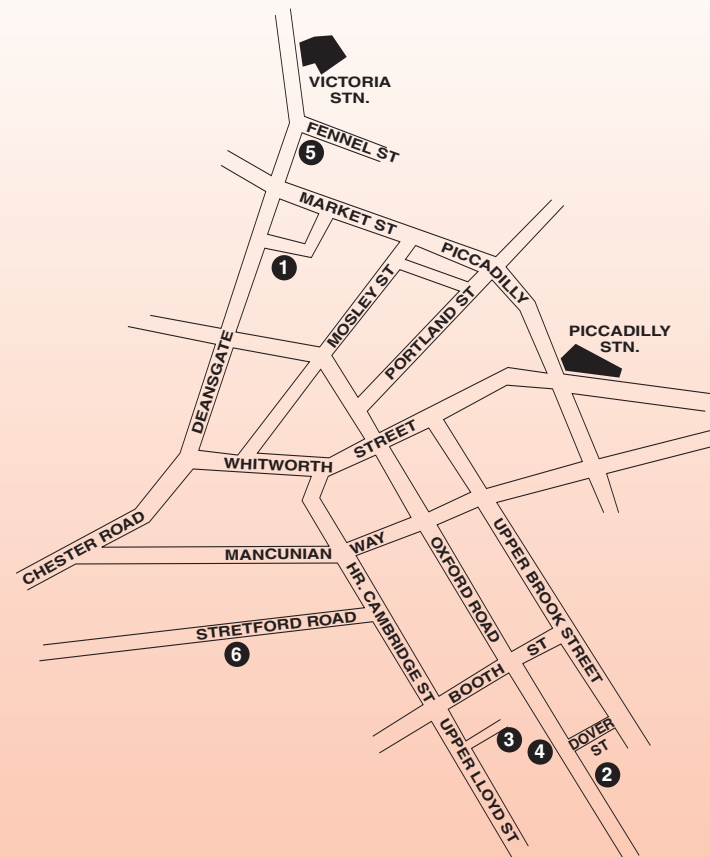
Ad Solem Chamber Choir
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Barbershop Group
Chethams School of Music Chamber Choir
Culcheth High School Vocal Group
Manchester Baroque
Manchester Boys Choir
Manchester Cathedral Choir
Manchester University Chorus
St George's Singers

Venues

1. St Ann's Church
2. Church of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall
4. Whitworth Hall, University of Manchester
5. Manchester Cathedral
6. Zion Arts Centre

The Manchester Choral Festival is sponsored by St. George's Singers

Map of Venues



Hotels

For a comprehensive on-line guide to Manchester, including hotels and restaurants, see www.manchester.com/guidebook

Friday 11 March, 1.30pm **Promenade Event**

English Choral Masterworks

Chethams School of Music Chamber Choir

Conductor Martin Bussey

Howells Requiem - Tippett - 4 Folk Songs of the British Isles; Finzi - Lo the full, final sacrifice

Manchester's specialist music school chamber choir in a stunning programme of the very best of twentieth century English choral music.

Venue St Anne's Church, St Anne's Square, Manchester

Friday 11 March, 8.00pm **Main Concert**

Gretchaninov - Vespers

St George's Singers

Conductor Stephen Williams

A pupil of Rimsky-Korsakov, Gretchaninov's stunning setting of the Vespers is part of the All-Night Service, and was composed in 1912, preceding Rachmaninov's setting by three years.

Venue Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Oxford Rd, Manchester

Saturday 12 March, 10.00am - 3.30pm

Repertoire Heaven

Music from around the world, for choirs of all abilities, will be available from Sulasol, Finland's main publisher of choral music. Marketing Director and professional singer, Reijo Kekkonen will be on hand to answer your enquiries about music from Scandinavia and the Baltic.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall, University of Manchester

Saturday 12 March, 10.00am **Promenade Event**

Composing for choirs

Led by Sasha Johnson Manning (Composer in Residence, St Louis Chamber Choir USA) and Martin Bussey (Head of Academic Studies, Chethams School of Music).

For composers, arrangers, singers and listeners of all ages. Two of Manchester's most popular and experienced composers illustrate the skill of writing for singers.

With Manchester University Chamber Choir: Ad Solem (Director: Marcus Farnsworth)

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Hall, Department of Music, University of Manchester

Saturday 12 March, 11.45am (1 hour) **Promenade Event**

Talk by Kari Turunen

President: Association of Finnish Choral Directors.

A fascinating behind-the-scenes look at choral life in Finland, home to some of Europe's most exciting choirs.

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Hall, Department of Music, University of Manchester

Saturday 12 March, 1.30pm (1 hour) **Promenade Event**

Youthful Voices

Culcheth High School Vocal Group

Conductor Katrina Madden

Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, Barbershop Group.

Conductor Julia Mayall

Relax with a recital of popular favourites given by two of Greater Manchester's finest school ensembles; the perfect post-lunch treat!

Venue Cosmo Rodewald Hall, Department of Music, University of Manchester

Saturday 12 March, 7.30pm **Main Concert**

Britten - Paul Bunyan

Manchester University Chorus

Conductor Stephen Williams

Joshua Ellicott- Tenor

Written for Columbia University, Britten's choral operetta sets Auden's words in the popular musical styles of the 40s. Watch out for the singing trees, the cycling Western Union Boy, a trio of cats and dogs and Babe the blue ox. For all the family!

Venue Whitworth Hall, University of Manchester

Sunday 13 March, 10.30am

Festival Eucharist

Manchester Cathedral Choir

Master of the Choristers and Organist Christopher Stokes

Organ Jeffrey Makinson

Howells - Collegium Regale, Like As The Hart

Venue Manchester Cathedral

Sunday 13 March, 3.00pm **Promenade Event**

Manchester Boys Choir open rehearsal

Discover the secrets of Manchester's internationally famous Boys Choir, in a specially arranged open rehearsal with Jeffrey Wynn Davies, Director, and Greg Beardsall, Assistant Conductor of the National Youth Choir of GB and Chorus Master of Bournemouth Symphony Chorus.

Venue Zion Arts Centre, Stretford Road, Hulme, Manchester

Sunday 13 March, 7.30pm **Main Concert**

Bach - St. John Passion

Manchester Baroque

Conductor Christopher Stokes

Manchester's brand new early music group makes its debut for Manchester Sings! Bach's stunning masterpiece brings the festival to a fitting climax.

Venue Manchester Cathedral

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Ticket prices

Promenade Ticket - £10.00

This single ticket entitles entry to all five events marked 'Promenade Event'

Individual Promenade events - £4.00

Main Concerts	Full	Concession	Student
11 March Gretchaninov Vespers	£10	£8	£1
12 March Paul Bunyan	£10	£7	£3
13 March St John Passion	£12,£10,£8	£10,£8,£6	n/a

Booking form

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Paul Bunyan				
St. John Passion	@ £12	@ £10		
	@ £10	@ £8		
	@ £8	@ £6		
Total				

Prom it for just £10!

A Festival Promenade ticket gives entry to five events for just £10. Individual tickets are £4 each.

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